

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2407 - SB 2578**

February 7, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes the authority of the local education agency (LEA) or the Commissioner of Education to waive statutes, rules or regulations for the benefit of charter schools. Subjects charter schools to all statutes, laws and regulations relevant to all other public schools in Tennessee.

Under current law, the charter school has the opportunity to apply to the LEA or Commissioner of Education for a waiver (with certain exceptions) from any law, or State Board of Education rule or regulation that hinders the school's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

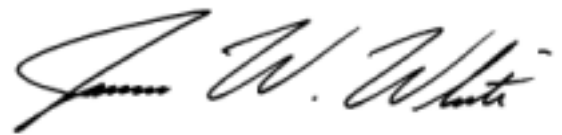
**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- to the extent the bill requires public charter schools to do something that they otherwise would not do, charter school expenditures could increase. To the extent public charter schools must refrain from doing something that they would otherwise be allowed to do, charter school expenditures could decrease.
- requires charter schools to adhere to the same rules and regulations as required for public schools.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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